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From October 6 to 28, 2017, Dr. Ron Clouzet, NSD ministerial association director, preached the gospel at Amanuma Church, Japan. It was the harvest stage of the church's 10-month project, a "Field School of Evangelism."

# The Mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division

## “The Earth Remains Forever”

“Generations come and generations go, but the earth remains forever” (Ecclesiastes 1:4).

### The Earth Remains Forever

As mentioned in Ecclesiastes, generations come and go. Time periods come and go. Eras come and go. In the past, time periods were classified as 30 years, a one-generation cycle; this has been shortened by about five to ten years in the rapidly changing world. However, the key to the verse is not generations coming and going, but the phrase, “the earth remains forever.”

Even though generations come and go, even though time comes and goes, and even though people, cultures, and circumstances change, there is one thing that remains unchanged—the earth. How does the earth remain forever? The end of the earth is undeniable and inevitable, and it is our common understanding that the earth will finally be shaken, devastated, and ruined. Then, why does the Bible say that the earth remains forever? What does the earth refer to in this verse? Does it contain a special spiritual meaning in addition to our common concept of the earth?

### The Place for Soul-Winning

Matthew 24:14 is one of the most famous Bible verses emphasizing world mission. “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14).

The whole world mentioned above means all the earth. The earth is the place where the heavenly gospel must be spread. The earth is, so to speak, the target of the mission God has given to us. This is the earth written about in Acts 1:8, “you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.” In other words, the earth is the place where people should be saved, the place where God’s work should be done, and the place where the Three Angels’ Messages should be spread in the last days.

Although time passes and generations change, there is something fundamental

that has never changed. That is the unique identity of the Adventist Church. Of course, the identity includes many things, including the Sabbath, the Heavenly Sanctuary, the health message and other truths, but we can summarize it with these words: mission and evangelism. Evangelism is the reason for the existence of the Adventist Church, and it is also its historical, philosophical and biblical foundation. The evangelistic spirit, which is the fundamental spirit of the church, has never changed despite the transition of time, thoughts and trends.

“The church is God’s appointed agency for the salvation of men. It was organized for service, and its mission is to carry the gospel to the world” (AA, 9).

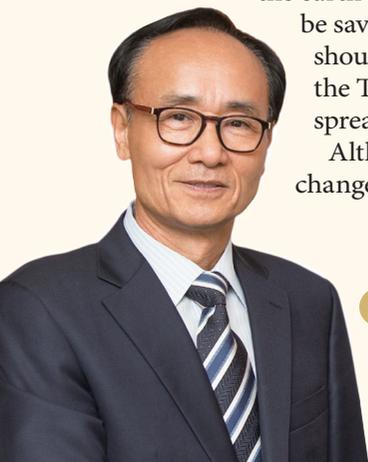
“The gospel commission is the great missionary charter of Christ’s kingdom. The disciples were to work earnestly for souls, giving to all the invitation of mercy. They were not to wait for the people to come to them; they were to go to the people with their message” (AA, 28).

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## NSD MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists is to communicate to all people in its territory the everlasting gospel of God’s love in the context of the Three Angels’ Message of Revelation 14:6-12, and as revealed in the life, death, resurrection, and high priestly ministry of Jesus Christ, leading them to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord and to unite with His remnant church; and to nurture believers as disciples in preparation for His soon return, and to equip and empower them for service.



**Kim SiYoung, President**

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# Vision One Million 2020

Mission First in All Activities to Reach the World

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Dr. Ron Clouzet, NSD ministerial association director (left), led the evangelistic meetings at Amanuma Church, and Toshihiro Nishino, president of Tokyo Adventist Hospital (right), served as a translator.

# A Blessing from God

## Evangelistic Meetings at Amanuma Church

In October 2017, Jesus and His Word were faithfully preached in a span of three weeks in Japan, and the Lord blessed His people in ways many cannot remember happening before.

To begin with, having the board of the Amanuma Church—an institutional church next to the well-respected Tokyo Adventist Hospital—accept the plan of a reaping series lasting more than three weeks is a miracle in itself.

Most churches in Japan are used to one- or two-night meetings for evangelism. In addition, this plan involved considerable outlay of effort and time by three dozen volunteers: translators, cooks, print and media resource people, children’s care, and visitation teams, aside from the ushers, greeters, and musicians.

The series preached by Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial association director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, from October 6 to

28 covered 24 Bible topics—from creation to salvation, from Daniel 2 to Revelation 13, from the Sabbath to the prophetic gift—in a logical sequence that was called The Story of Hope. Relatively few unbelievers came, an average of 17 each night, but about 100 members also came, a higher-than-expected attendance.

By the end of the series there were two notable results. Thirteen of the 17 non-members mentioned made the decision to be baptized, and 10 of them were baptized during the series. Even though it is challenging to do evangelism in Japan, clearly, more people than many expect may respond to the Gospel as long as they are regularly exposed to the wonders of God’s Word. Each of the new believers was assigned a trained spiritual mentor who made the commitment to care for the new member for the next 12 months. Their training included specific visitation objectives and a number of resources for each of the first eight weeks after the new member’s baptism.

The second notable result was the impact it made on the church. The young adults, many for the first time, caught a vision for mission. The older, established members discovered new wonderful insights in God’s Word. One person put it this way: “I’ve been a Seventh-day Adventist all my life, and it’s like I’ve never heard these truths before. How wonderful is God’s plan for us!” Many developed a new routine: engaging with God’s Word five nights a week instead of focusing on work, social media or TV. The pastor was thrilled with what the meetings did for his church: the people were happy, they were united, they developed a burden for outsiders, and they came closer to Jesus!



**Ron Clouzet**

NSD Ministerial Association Director

# The Story of the Newly Baptized

**Kai Onodera** grew up in an Adventist home. His parents were faithful to the truth, but Kai never made his surrender to Jesus. Years went by, and it seemed that his best opportunities to join the church were behind him. He married Yoshiya, a woman with no Christian background. Nevertheless, influenced by working with Adventists, he started coming to church in his mid-30s. Still, he successfully resisted every chance to be baptized. Someone asked him to help with the sound system at the church, and he accepted. Thus, he was there, listening to the messages from The Story of Hope. And so was his wife and their son of 11. Kai Onodera kept coming, even when he was not scheduled to help. Ten days after the meetings began, he, his wife, and their son, Ruriko, made the decision to be baptized.

**Yasuhiro Sunada** is a salaryman with the public school system. When he was a child, he was once exposed to the Adventists, and he remembered them. Rha Myunghoon, the pastor of the Amanuma Church, has been holding a service for non-members every Sunday evening. Sunada attended, off and on, for years. He eventually came to the fourth meeting of The Story of Hope and learned about the Sabbath. When he missed the next meeting, a visitation team member took the DVD to him, which was part two of the Sabbath. He returned two Sabbaths later, ready to keep the day holy. An alert church member brought him to the evangelist, who learned the man had a number of questions and offered him a special visit to answer them. They met with the pastor and a translator on the next night. Question after question was answered: on unclean foods, on the pope, on what it takes to join the church, etc. He took notes and listened carefully. The evangelist gave him four more DVDs on key topics he'd missed. Mr. Sunada took the next day off from work to watch the DVDs. He had said that due to his work, he couldn't come except a half hour later to the meetings. But after he watched the DVDs, he was not only there on time, he also started attending the baptismal class. His heart was broken by the love of Jesus. He made a clean break with every habit that would not bring glory to God, and was baptized, an eager new convert, to join the remnant church of God.

**Shoki Kohara** had become unemployed. Waiting at a bus station one day, a mission-minded member of the church gave him a flyer, inviting him to The Story of Hope. Shoki had no Christian background whatsoever. To the member's great surprise, Shoki showed up for the first time on the sixth night, when the speaker spoke about the origin of sin. Shoki came forward on the seventh night to receive Christ as his Savior and Lord, but it was clear there was a struggle in his soul, and good and evil were vying for victory. After a few nights, he finally decided to attend the baptismal class, but with no intention of being baptized. However, the nightly messages and the nightly classes had their intended effect: they transformed a man who had walked far from God into a disciple of Jesus. Shoki decided to be baptized. On the day of his baptism, one could see in his face the radiant joy of being born again!



The newly baptized members of the Amanuma Church and their families

**Tadahiro Aratono** is an older man who decided to help a woman who was fleeing from an abusive marriage. She moved in with him. She had become an Adventist just a few years before. They both attended the meetings faithfully, coming a good half hour ahead each night. On the night he gave his heart to Jesus things began to change for him.

Neither he nor his friend was comfortable any longer with their living arrangements. However, what to do! Housing is extremely expensive in Tokyo. He attended the baptismal classes held every night after each meeting. She went with him. She wanted to be faithful to God, and realized their situation could not continue as it was. But their options were very limited. She couldn't move in with her daughter, she thought. We spent hours encouraging them and trying to find a solution God could have for this dilemma. Finally, on the Friday before the last meeting, Mr. Aratono moved his friend out of his house to a hotel. This is an amazing sacrifice by two people in this stage of their lives. Aratono was all smiles on the day of his baptism, certain that God would provide as long as he remained faithful to Jesus.



# Evangelism Myths Shattered in Japan

**Ron Clouzet**

NSD Ministerial Association Director

Japan is well-recognized by the Adventist Church as one of the most difficult countries to evangelize. This is a conviction also widely shared by other Christian denominations. The Adventist Church in Japan has very few young people, the membership is decidedly older, the churches are generally small, many pastors do not prioritize evangelism, and the work ethic of the Japanese makes it difficult for members to take time to reach out and for the secular Japanese to be interested in our message.

In addition, there are certain general beliefs shared by many regarding evangelism. One of them is that public evangelistic meetings do not work in Japan, that the only way to hope to do outreach is on a personal basis. Another is that any series of meetings that are longer than one weekend are too long, that neither members nor guests would stand for it. A third is that distinctive Adventist doctrines, such as the Sabbath, last-day prophecies, the investigative judgment, the fall of Babylon, or the Spirit of Prophecy, are not subjects that should be

included in public meetings. People are not ready for them. And a fourth myth is that the Japanese take a long time—many months or years—to process truth before they decide to join the church. In other words, evangelism, as practiced in other nations, does not work in Japan.

Recently, the Amanuma Church in Tokyo shattered each one of these myths. They chose to follow every aspect of a field school of evangelism plan that began in January and concluded in October 2017. They participated in evangelistic training, such as personal evangelism, praying for the lost, and giving Bible studies. They reached out to the community through several health seminars. They even engaged in door-to-door work, all staple features of methods used elsewhere. Learning from the school of evangelism, they were ready with scores of book and DVD resources to sell to those attending the *Why God* apologetics mini-series that preceded the main public meetings.

More than a dozen members became part of evangelistic visitation teams, something that called for

a training commitment led by the evangelist twice each week. A registration and attendance team kept track of everyone's attendance and decision made on a nightly basis, which allowed the visitation teams to know how to help non-believers move along in their quest for truth. A baptismal class was established on the 10th of the 24 nights of the series, and the visitation team members encouraged those making decisions to attend.

The Amanuma Church also took prayer seriously. Each of the 40 days leading up to the first day of the evangelistic meetings, 20 or 30 members gathered early in the morning to pray for the meetings. Prayer teams also became involved with prayer-walking sections of the city, asking for the Holy Spirit to be poured upon the people they saw in the streets, the stations, and the stores.

The Lord wonderfully blessed the public meetings, which were held from October 6 to 27. The evangelistic meetings lasted not one or two nights but were three weeks and four weekends long! An average

of 100 to 120 people came each night, and the attendance never dropped. So, myth number two was shattered. Four people came forward when the evangelist invited them to accept Christ for the first time, two of them with no Christian background whatsoever. Pastor Rha MyungHoon began brief baptismal classes after each meeting ended, and people kept coming. The evangelist preached distinctive Adventist messages—24 of them—from the Bible and without apology. Not only did guests respond to the moving of the Holy Spirit through the Word, many of the members expressed that they had never expected to be so richly blessed by such a thorough study of God's Word. Myth number three was shattered.

The evangelistic meetings caused a revival in the church. The members most impacted were young adults and professionals who found new life in Christ! The pastor expressed his joy and wonder at how the Holy Spirit could move through a full-set of messages for more than three weeks! Even though meetings were held five nights a week plus three sessions each Sabbath, people kept gathering around the refreshment tables talking and visiting long

after the meetings were over. Myth number one was shattered. And regarding decisions, another myth was shattered. Every night, the evangelist gave people the opportunity to respond to the message by filling out a response card. There, they could note their spiritual and ethical decisions as well as write questions on the topic. The evangelist answered those questions during several special sessions each week. After the four came up to accept Christ, a dozen chose to keep the Sabbath holy, and others began making decisions for baptism and joining the remnant church. Out of an average of 16 non-Adventist guests that came each night, 13 made the decision to be baptized, and 10 of them were ready by the end of the meetings, a mere three weeks long!

What we're learning from this experience in Japan is that people are people everywhere. The Holy Spirit that works wonders in Kenya, Brazil, or the Philippines can also work wonders in Japan. At the core, all people from any culture have similar needs, fears, and hopes, and the answer is not found in philosophy, entertainment, or superficial religious themes, but the answer is found in the truth of the Bible.

Several of those baptized had not had any Christian background, and yet they were ready to join the people of God right away because they saw that the God of the Bible is the true God of heaven and is the One who sacrificed Himself on their behalf.

There is one more myth likely to be shattered soon. Conventional wisdom indicates that many new converts who come through evangelistic meetings soon leave the church. Research actually shows that more people raised in the Adventist Church leave the church than those who join through evangelism. The last training in this field school was for spiritual mentors assigned to help assimilate new believers in the church. They made a commitment of one year, and they have received careful instruction on what to do the first eight weekly visits after their people were baptized, including resources for the new member each week to help them grow. Outside of Japan, this training guaranteed that at least 90% of the new believers remained and were active in the church. With these Japanese new believers, having demonstrated a radical transformation in their lives, that rate of success may be even higher. Praise the Lord!



Amanuma volunteers after an evening evangelistic session



Evangelistic visitation team members, some of whom became spiritual mentors to new believers.

# Field School of Evangelism at Amanuma Church



**Rha MyungHoon**

Associate Pastor at Amanuma Church

The Amanuma Church is a church with tradition and history. It celebrated its 100-year anniversary in 2014. This church has started many churches and has shared the Three Angels' Messages faithfully with the people. God blessed their progress, and more than 400 people on average attended the worship service on Sabbath some decades ago. However, with the church getting older and changes in society, evangelism became harder and the church grew slowly. The average number of attendants dropped to below 300 in 2012, and this number has been declining year by year.

The declining number of active members is symptomatic of other problems. The most essential of which is the lack of evangelism. Essentially, church members did not understand that evangelism is a mission based on faith. Our church has tried friendship evangelism and various other methods, but unfortunately, they could not find a method that worked well. The church members lost motivation, even though they never lost hope that there would be some effective way to tell others about God

in Japan, a country where evangelism seems hard.

And then, a "Field School of Evangelism" began. The field school is a program, based on a process, for churches to learn and practice proven

ways for evangelism. The field school in Japan started on January 21, 2017, with an orientation meeting, and continued for 10 months, culminating with the harvest evangelistic meeting was done in October 2017.

### Timeline of the Field School of Evangelism Process

January 21	Orientation for participating churches
February 3	Orientation for JUC executive committee
March 10 - 11	Training program for friendship evangelism and outreach prayer ministries
April 15	Seminar to reclaim missing members
April 16 - 22	Revival meetings
April 22	Seminar to create mission-minded small groups
June 2	Special meeting and prayer for the field school
July 28 - 30	Seminar on how to give Bible studies
August 27 - October 5	40 days of early morning prayer meetings
September 15	Training staff for public evangelistic meeting
September 16 - 20	Pre-harvest meetings, "Why God?": A seminar of Christian Apologetics at Nakano Congress Square
October 6 - 28	The harvest evangelistic meetings titled "The Story of Hope: 24 Bible lectures"

The various field school of evangelism training seminars were very practical, helping members focus on those who are seeking God specifically. At first, communication between Pastor Ron Clouzet, ministerial association secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and field school leader, and the church—and even communication within the church—was challenging, and it was not easy for our church members to fully understand what the field school was all about.

However, the pre-harvest meetings in September and the harvest evangelistic meetings in October were really blessed, and 10 of 16 non-member guests were baptized at the end of the meetings. Three more made the decision to be baptized in the future. At first, we could not see how the things we had learned were related to the harvest meetings, but we gradually began to understand how things were connected, and we were able to serve others with joy and enjoyment.

We have been doing evangelistic meetings every year, but this time we learned how important it is to form relationships as church members communicate with seekers and guests. By having a registration and attendance team, we could focus more on each soul that needs salvation. At this meeting, church members asked seekers how they felt about the meetings and were able to engage with them effectively because of the training.

As we reflect on the process we went through, we can see three important things that God taught.

First of all, evangelism is obedience to God's command. I used to think that doing evangelism was a special activity only for people who have strong faith. However, I learned that doing evangelism is being obedient to God and is essential for our faith to grow.

Second, God is the one doing evangelism. Of course, human

beings are the ones who carry out the mission, but only God makes it possible for this to be successful. For example, when we needed financial support, a person who came to the church for the first time gave our church about nine thousand dollars. When we didn't have any interests, God sent us people who were seeking God.

Third, we need to do evangelism in God's way. Until today I thought there was a special Japanese way since we have a very different culture, and so instead of trying, we just worried about it. However, we

realized that the ways of evangelism were not the problem. We learned that we should boldly do evangelism in God's way. He has the answer.

We really learned about God through this process. We learned what it means to believe in God and rely on Him. We would like to give ourselves to future outreach, believing that love for God and others will bring us the best way to do evangelism. I thank everyone for their involvement and praise God who taught us through this field school of evangelism.

1. The cooking volunteer team of the Amanuma Church makes finger food for visitors.
2. Table with books and DVD resources for those attending
3. Registration and attendance team at work



# FAREWELL AND WELCOME CEREMONY HONORS OUTGOING AND INCOMING NSD PRESIDENTS



Dr. Jairyong Lee gave a farewell speech as a former president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division after his service for 14 years and 6 months



Dr. Kim SiYoung, the new president of NSD

The Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) held a farewell and welcome ceremony for the NSD presidents on November 4, 2017, at the Sahmyook Central Church in Seoul, Korea. During the ceremony, the retiring NSD president Jairyong Lee handed over his presidency to the new president Kim SiYoung.

Lee has been leading NSD with his excellent leadership and the wisdom God has given him for 14 years and 6 months. With the motto of "Mission First," he initiated the Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM), HisHands Mission Movement, Golden Angels, Mission Day, Communication and Leadership Advancement Program (CLAP) and many others. When he was dean of AIIAS Theological Seminary, he founded the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM).

The newly elected president Kim SiYoung is a man of prayer, mission spirit, and excellent leadership with a wide range of experiences at the local

Conference, Union Conference, and various institutions. He served as Union Conference youth ministries director, 1000MM director, Adventist Language Institute director, and president of Korean Publishing House. Before he was elected as the new NSD president, he served as director of NSD Adventist Mission, PMM, North Korea Mission, Mission to the Cities, Center of Evangelism, etc.

The NSD Executive Committee members, honored guests, and many Adventist church leaders and members attended the farewell and welcome ceremony on this day. "It was such a privilege and blessing for me to serve our church as division president," said Lee during his farewell speech. "As I look back, I can see that my responsibility was heavy and difficult to carry. If God had not been there with me leading me every moment, I could not have been able to bear all the duties that I had, but God was so gracious to me."

"Dr. Kim SiYoung is a man of faith and prayer and an excellent spiritual leader. He also has good health and vigor as a young man," Lee continued. "I am sure that he will successfully lead the mission work in the NSD with God's guidance and the power of the Holy Spirit." Lee gave a "staff" to Kim as a symbol of leadership.

"As I think of the heavy responsibilities, I feel that I am powerless, but I am sure that the almighty God will be with me just like He was with Moses and Joshua. With this faith, I will trust in the Lord who is the source of wisdom and power," said Kim in a speech. "He will show me the way and guide me. Let us move forward with the gospel commission that God has given to the remnant church and use all our resources and strength to share the Three Angels' Messages with the 1.6 billion people in our territory."

P. D. Chun, former president of NSD, offered a special prayer for Lee

and Kim. Also, General Conference vice president Ella Simmons gave a special congratulatory speech for the presidents.

Joo MinHo, assistant to the president for the NSD, will take over the previous position of Kim SiYoung together with his other responsibilities. We pray that God will bless the retiring president Jairyong Lee and Mrs. Lee as well as the new NSD president Kim SiYoung and Mrs. Kim with good health and heavenly wisdom.



**Byun SeongJun**  
NSD Communication Associate Director



## 2017 NSD ANNUAL COUNCIL



Generally speaking, it might not be easy for an organization to have its annual council, which is considered the most important meeting of the year, right after a change of leadership. This was not the case for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). By God’s grace, the transition of the top leadership of the NSD was achieved very successfully. Elder Jairyong Lee, former NSD president, never missed a chance to show his support for the newly elected president, Dr. Kim SiYoung. Dr. Kim expressed his appreciation and respect for Elder Lee’s dedication to the gospel commission within the NSD territories with his unwavering spirit of “Mission First.” Attendees

witnessed a Christian model of leadership transition in the council. The council took an action to express their deep appreciation to Elder and Mrs. Lee for their service as the president and his wife respectively for more than 14 years.

The new president Kim SiYoung successfully chaired and led the council, and there was a good atmosphere and positive spirits during the meetings. Since this year is in the middle of this quinquennium, the committee reviewed the progress of mission initiatives and projects for the first half of the 5-year plan, and made a recommitment for stepping forward on ongoing projects and initiatives

for the latter half as they face the huge mission challenges in this great territory.

During the meetings, mission reports from the NSD departments, unions, and institutions were presented to the delegates, providing a great spur to attendees at the council. This year, the council members were more active in expressing their opinions and providing feedback on each report.

On the last day of council, there were touching testimonies from two North Korean defectors who have kept their faith in crisis. Also, Elder Kim YongKyun, director of the Saronam Sanitarium, shared a mission story on the blessings God has given to his sanitarium and how God has led him to plant a church. The testimonies stirred attendees’ enthusiasm toward their ministry and mission work.

Please pray for the new leadership of the NSD, that they may fulfill the mission God has entrusted to us!



**Yutaka Inada**  
NSD Executive Secretary



Committee members during the 2017 Annual Council in Silver Spring, Maryland. Photo courtesy of Brent Hardinge / ANN

# Report from the GC Annual Council

**Yutaka Inada**  
NSD Executive Secretary

The 2017 Annual Council of the General Conference (GC) of the Seventh-day Adventist Church was held from October 5 to 11, 2017, with the theme “Faithfulness to His Word.” During the council, *Sola Scriptura*, which means “Bible only,” was often referred to as an important foundation of our faith. This is because 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, and *Sola Scriptura* is one of the five key beliefs of the Reformation. The other four are *Sola Fide* (faith alone), *Sola*

*Gratia* (grace alone), *Solo Christo* (Christ alone), and *Soli Deo Gloria* (to the glory of God alone).

Before the annual council, GC and Divisions officers visited the footprints of our pioneers who built the foundation of the Seventh-day Adventist movement. Adventist scholars have lectured at many historical sites. This study tour was not only a learning experience but a revival experience as well. At Hiram Edson’s farm, which is the theological birthplace of the Sanctuary truth, Dr. Jo Ann Davidson, Old Testament scholar at Andrews University, gave a lecture about the Sanctuary doctrine. We were all richly blessed by her passionate preaching.

On the evening of October 6, GC president Ted Wilson, officially announced the soon retirement of Dr. Jairyong Lee and his wife. He presented flowers and a token of appreciation for Dr. Lee’s 14 years of service as president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). The new president of the NSD, Dr. Kim SiYoung, was introduced to the GC Executive Committee as one of the Adventist world church leaders. As a Division president, he is also accepting the duties and requirements of a GC vice president.

The annual council highlighted the discussion on the “Mission in

Unity” document. The background of the document comes from the aftermath of the voting down of the women’s ordination proposal at the 2015 San Antonio General Conference session. Following nearly six hours of discussion and debate, a majority of the members of the Executive Committee voted to send the document back to the Unity in Mission Oversight Committee for further review.

At the close of the council, Elder Ted Wilson appealed to the members to stay united for mission, as he presented two quotations from the spirit of prophecy.

Confidence in the Seventh-Day Adventist Organization Reaffirmed:

“We cannot now step off the foundation that God has established. We cannot now enter into any new organization, for this would mean apostasy from the truth” (*Selected Messages 2*, 390).

“I am instructed to say to Seventh-day Adventists the world over, God has called us as a people to be a peculiar treasure unto Himself. He has appointed that His church on earth shall stand perfectly united in the Spirit and counsel of the Lord of hosts to the end of time” (*Selected Messages 2*, 397).



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The 2017 Annual Council of Japan Union Conference (JUC) was held from November 19 to 21, 2017, at the JUC Tachikawa office. Some leaders of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), including president Kim SiYoung, executive secretary Yutaka Inada, treasurer German Lust, assistant to the president Joo MinHo, associate treasurer Lyu DongJin, education and Sabbath School and Personal Ministries director Richard Sabuin, youth ministries director Kim NakHyung, and Sabbath School and Personal Ministries honorary associate director Akeri Suzuki joined the meeting. The morning worship talks given by the NSD leaders were spiritually encouraging and motivating for the attendees. During the council, we were able to hear evangelism reports of the past year from each of the conferences, its departments, and institutions.

### All Japan 2018 Maranatha

There was a report regarding next year's All Japan 2018 Maranatha evangelistic meetings scheduled for May 2018. Currently Japan has 94 organized churches nationwide, and JUC plans to have more than 160 simultaneous evangelistic series, which is more than 1.5 times the number of organized churches in Japan! In other words, the evangelistic series will be held not just at churches, but at companies, small groups, and institutions.

Rha Myunghoon, associate pastor at Amanuma Church, the biggest church of all the Adventist churches in Japan, gave a report regarding the evangelism field school that was conducted this past year at the church. At the Amanuma Church, NSD ministerial association director Ron Clouzet conducted field school training from January of this past year. From September to October, 29 evangelistic meetings were conducted, and 10 baptisms were

# JUC Annual Council: Japan Union Conference Gears Up for All Japan Maranatha



given as a result. The last time Japan conducted this many consecutive evangelistic meetings in such a short span of time has been at least decades ago. Through the Amanuma Church experience, we were able to confirm that holding consecutive evangelistic meetings is still an effective method of evangelism even in this modern Japanese culture. It was a good preparation and confirmation for JUC, which is expected to hold the Maranatha meetings in 2018.

### International Mission Congress

NSD youth ministries director Kim NakHyung shared plans regarding the International Mission Congress that will be held in August 2018. From Japan, we plan to have all of the JUC workers and all of the pastors nationwide attend the program. As Japan gets involved with intense mission efforts, we hope that many more people will decide to attend the program and be inspired to do more mission work.

### 2020 Tokyo Olympics

In less than 3 years, Japan will host the August 2020 Tokyo Olympics with many visitors from around the world. The JUC would like to use this great opportunity to promote the Seventh-day Adventist Church and share the hope that is in Jesus Christ our Lord. At the JUC meeting, we have officially voted to seriously think and prepare for special evangelistic plans to execute in the upcoming Tokyo Olympics.

At the JUC Annual Council, we have many business-like reports and agenda items to cover as well, but we do our best to emphasize evangelism reports and prayer throughout the meetings. Japan has a population of about 120 million and fewer than 1% are Christians. Of the 1% who are Christians, only about 15,000 are Seventh-day Adventists. Please continue to pray that the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ will speedily be shared throughout the country of Japan.



**Toshio Shibata**  
JUC Executive Secretary

The Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) held its 2017 annual council on December 5 and 6, 2017, at the Tsuen Wan Adventist Hospital, Hong Kong. Delegates from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), headed by its newly elected president Kim SiYoung, along with Hong Kong-Macao Conference staff and institutional workers, and the representatives from the UT (Unorganized Territory), attended the two-day meeting.

All the attendees were blessed with good reports from different CHUM departments, ministries and its affiliated institutions. By the end of November, 300 evangelistic meetings were held across the CHUM territory. The number of people in the audience reached 80,000. More than 3,400 people were baptized in 2017. The charitable work of the church was also strong. Hong Kong Adventist Hospital helped with a fund-raising lunch in May with the theme “Women of Hope.” A total of 350 USD was raised. The development department of CHUM, under the directorship of Audrey Folkenberg, collected nearly one million US dollars from donors worldwide. CHUM staff participated in local volunteer services for more than 250 hours.

For evangelism in 2018, a new book, *The Power of Hope*, was dedicated by a special ceremony led by Kim SiYoung and Robert Folkenberg, Jr., president of CHUM. The Adventist Church plans to distribute the book to the public for outreach in 2018.

Another memorable event was the dedication service for the newly renovated CHUM office located in Shatin, Hong Kong. On the morning of December 6th, all delegates were invited to tour the new office, listening to the history of the office and appreciating the need for renovation. Pastor Kim SiYoung prayed, asking God to



Above: (From left) Andy Chen, CHUM treasurer, Bob Folkenberg, Jr., CHUM president, and Daniel Jiao, CHUM executive secretary  
Below: Dedication service for the newly renovated CHUM office

bless the CHUM staff and the new facilities for better and more services to the Lord.

Despite the ever-changing and growing challenges in its territory, CHUM looks forward to another successful year in 2018.

## CHUM Annual Council Brings Renewed Spirit to Mission Outlook in 2018

The dedication ceremony of the new book, *The Power of Hope*, was held during the council.



## KUC Annual Council Presents Goals for the Next Year

**Kim BeomTae**  
KUC Communication



The Korean Union Conference (KUC) held its Annual Council at SDA Education Auditorium from November 13 to 15, 2017. The goals for next year, including 250,000 church membership, 63,000 average Sabbath attendance, 5,500 baptisms, and cultivation of 7 churches were presented. The delegates said together in chorus, “Based on solid faith that people with mission will surely triumph, we should humbly place our eyes upon Jesus only so that we can accomplish the world mission. Under the motto of ‘Sharing Member, Serving Church,’ we will do our best to strengthen local churches.”

According to the KUC annual report, as of September 2017, the total number of Adventist members is 252,225 with an average attendance of 57,069, which is only 1/4 of church membership. This means that churches have many lost members, so particular management on backsliders is needed. The total number of churches, companies, and groups is 821, and there are 881 full-time ministers serving the church.

“As what we have accomplished seemed impossible at first, we are now facing many seemingly impossible challenges. However, God is an expert in making the impossible possible. Thus, we have no reason to be afraid of those challenges. All we can do is to trust in Jesus Christ,” said Hwang ChunKwang, KUC president.

## Sahmyook University Holds a Forum on Martin Luther’s Reformation

The theology department at Sahmyook University held a forum commemorating the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther’s Reformation on September 1, 2017. The department aimed to consider its historical significance as well as to ruminate upon the spirit of reformation.

Michael Campbell, associate professor of Adventist Studies at the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIAS), gave a presentation under the theme of “*Sola scriptura* (Scripture alone).” He shed light on the religious heir of Luther’s Reformation to the Adventist Church, emphasizing that the Adventist church is rooted in religious faith against Middle Age darkness.

Bae DeokMan, professor at Nehemiah Institute for Christian Studies, presented a study on John Wesley’s soteriology. He talked about how Luther’s Protestant Reformation was inherited to Wesley.

In his presentation on Genesis 4:1, Ha GyeSang, professor at the theology department at Sahmyook University, reviewed Luther’s interpretation on the Bible verse along with linguistic analysis.

In addition, speakers dealt with subjects, such as “Similarities between Anabaptist and the Adventist



Church,” “Luther’s Social Participation,” “Ellen White’s View on Luther,” etc.

Citing *Rediscovering Martin Luther*, Kim SungIk, president of Sahmyook University, said in his welcome remarks, “Ask questions if things are difficult to understand on your conscience; Revolt against false authority; Communicate with one another by sharing gospel.” At the forum, the attendees were able to reconfirm where the theology of the Adventist Church should be headed by reviewing the history of Martin Luther’s Reformation.

# China Sanitarium Leaders' Conference



**Choi YoungII**  
NSD Health Ministries Director

The China Sanitarium Leaders' Conference was held at the Leadership Training Center of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) on Jeju Island from October 18 to 25, 2017. The NSD health ministries department invited 56 leaders who run sanitariums across China to the conference.

Dr. Zeno Charles-Marcel, associate director of General Conference health ministries as well as a former professor at Loma Linda University, School of Medicine, served as the main speaker for the event. His work experience, which also includes three years at Wildwood Sanitarium, allowed him to provide the Chinese leaders with balanced information. Meanwhile, Dr. Barbara Choi, director of Chinese Union Mission health ministries, attended the event and introduced Adventist health messages. Dr. Choi YoungII, NSD health ministries director, remarked to the attendees that the sanitarium should be a center of saving souls by providing high quality care and at the same time introducing Adventist principles of healing from the Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy.

Moreover, Korean sanitarium directors who are successfully operating their sanitariums in terms of business performance and mission work were invited to share their practical knowledge and experiences with the attending leaders.

On the last day, through a feedback survey, the conference gained information about the attendees' needs in order to better prepare future events. We pray and believe that the sanitarium in China will play a pivotal role in mission work and become a tunnel of blessing to many people.



1. Fifty-six leaders who run sanitariums across China participated in the conference for sanitarium leaders.
2. Dr. Zeno Charles-Marcel, associate director of GC health ministries, served as the main speaker.
3. Group photo of the China Sanitarium Leaders' Conference attendees

# A Story of a Medical Missionary

**Choi YoungIl**  
NSD Health Ministries Director

Elder Kim YoungJo is a sincere medical missionary who tries to utilize his talent as a medical missionary to the fullest. He is visually impaired, but that has nothing to do with his passion and excellence in medical mission.

Every Sabbath afternoon, he visits a church that plans to provide massage service to people in their neighborhood. If a church asks him for his services during an entire week of evangelistic meetings, he will sometimes close his own massage shop for a week and devote himself for the meetings.

Recently, Kim YoungJo was invited to be a trainer for medical missionaries. He instructed the few selected trainees every Sunday for 10 weeks. Twenty-six people from all over Korea, including pastors, pastors' wives, elders, deacons and deaconesses, applied for his training program. All of the trainees worked hard to become medical missionaries with the special skill of acupressure.

After finishing the 10-week training session, on November 26, 2017, they had a completion



Elder Kim YoungJo (right)



ceremony at the Dongmoon Church. Their honorable completion certificate indicates that they are ready to lead many souls to the Lord through their service as medical missionaries.

The more people use their talents in expanding God's kingdom, the faster the gospel of God will spread, and the sooner Jesus will return.



# Bible Studies Training in Mongolia

**Ron Clouzet**  
NSD Ministerial Association Director

On the weekend of November 10 to 12, 2017, Dr. Ron Clouzet, ministerial association director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), provided a 10-hour training on Bible studies entitled "The Power of God's Word." This was part of the overall plan for the 8-month-long field school of evangelism taking place in Mongolia. The topics covered were foundations for Bible study, how to study the Bible for oneself, the faith factor in Bible study, how to study the Bible with others, how to give Bible studies to others, how to study in groups, and how to pray for souls studying the Bible.

The training was intensely practical and inspirational in nature. Hundreds of members in Mongolia benefitted from the training since it was transmitted live online to all churches in the Mission. Dr. Clouzet challenged members and pastors to give themselves to the Lord, to ask Him to bring them candidates wanting to study the Bible, and to engage with them right away. He told them he would return in a month to see the progress. Many pledged to put what they had learned into practice.

# East Central Korean Conference Pathfinder Leaders' Congress



**Kim NakHyung**  
NSD Youth Ministries Director

**E**ast Central Korean Conference (ECKC) Pathfinder Leaders Association held ECKC Pathfinder Leaders' Congress on November 25, 2017, at Wonju Sahmyook Elementary School, to acknowledge the dedication of the leaders in the field during the past year and to appoint new leaders. Of the 200 attendees, 40 members of Teen Leadership Training, 25 members of Master Guide Training, 15 members of Pathfinder Leadership Award, and 8 members of Pastor's Pathfinder Leadership Award received a completion certificate upon finishing their course.

Pastor Kim Nakhyung, youth ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), was invited to the congress to deliver a message. He preached a sermon based on the four beasts of Daniel chapter 7.

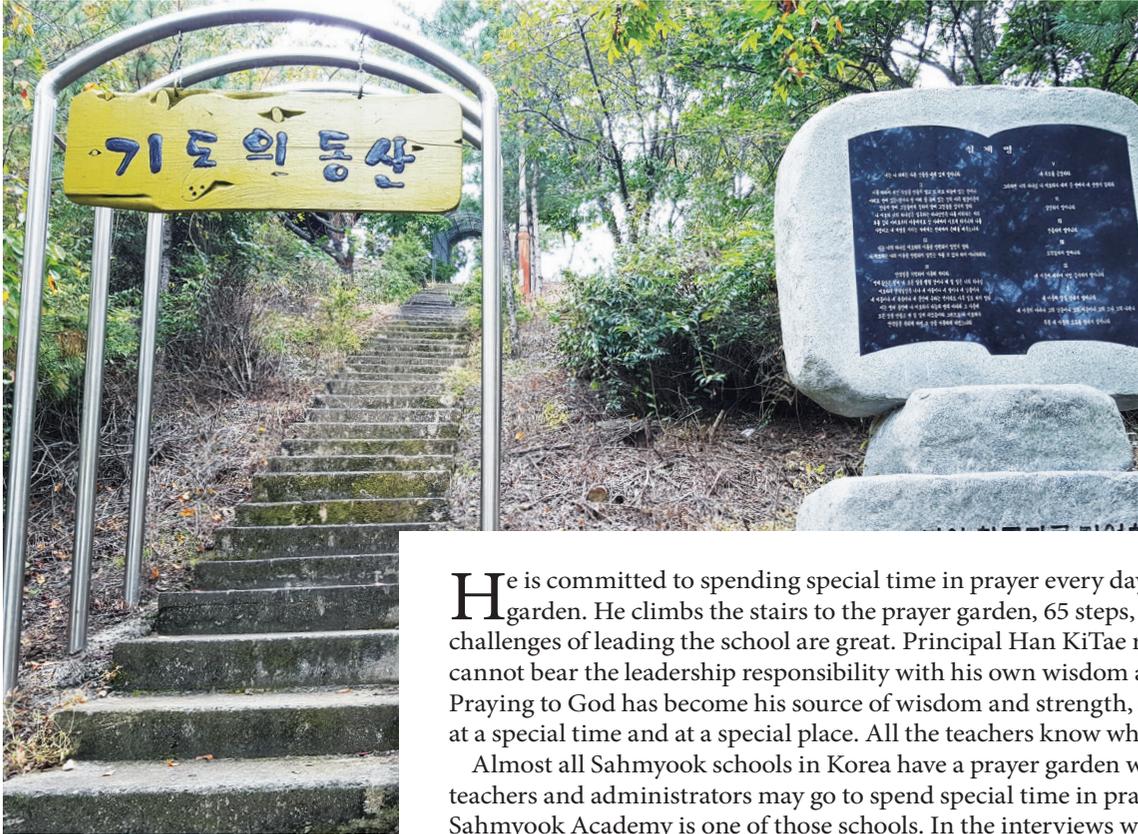
Pastor Hong ByungGil, ECKC youth ministries director, presented to the attendees the 2018 plan for Pathfinder ministries. He introduced new projects: ECKC youth department's on-site and Pathfinder coaching service, cooperation with children's ministries department for Adventurers and Junior Pathfinder ministries, and applying Pathfinders to Sabbath School



study guides for juniors and their Sabbath afternoon activities.

At the congress, Kim JinWook, leader of the Samcheok Church Pathfinder Club, was appointed as president of the ECKC Pathfinder Leaders Association for the next two years. All the attendees, including the leadership, pledged to serve their ministries more faithfully.





The path to the Prayer Garden at Youngnam Adventist Academy

# Sixty-Five Steps, Twice a Day

**Richard Sabuin**  
NSD Education Director



He is committed to spending special time in prayer every day at the prayer garden. He climbs the stairs to the prayer garden, 65 steps, twice a day. The challenges of leading the school are great. Principal Han KiTae realizes that he cannot bear the leadership responsibility with his own wisdom and strength. Praying to God has become his source of wisdom and strength, and he does this at a special time and at a special place. All the teachers know what he is doing.

Almost all Sahmyook schools in Korea have a prayer garden where students, teachers and administrators may go to spend special time in prayer. Youngnam Sahmyook Academy is one of those schools. In the interviews with teachers and students during an AAA accreditation visit to that school, many testified about the exemplary practice of the principal.

Spiritual life is one of the 10 aspects evaluated in the Adventist Accrediting Association (AAA) accreditation visits, including philosophy and mission and leadership. The purpose is to make sure that all Adventist schools maintain and uplift the identity of Adventist education.

It is very pleasing to see Bible verses posted in prominent places at our Sahmyook schools in Korea: in classrooms, in hallways, at the dormitory, in the library, and even in the cafeteria. When asked if they were familiar with those Bible texts, the students at Youngnam knew many of the verses by memory.

Then I met three non-Adventist (even non-Christian) students. “Do you have a Bible?” I asked them.

“Yes, we do,” they replied.

I followed up with a question. “Who gave you the Bible?”

“We bought it,” they replied enthusiastically.

“Do you read your Bible?” I was curious.

“Yes, we do,” they confirmed.

“When?” I inquired.

“We bring it to our classroom every morning and read it,” they explained.

Adventist schools are a place where young people can be shaped and influenced to follow God. The challenges are big! But God is great and He is greater than all the problems and challenges. It is by relying on Him that we can stand firm and move forward, doing our best for the Lord through Adventist education. Spiritual leadership and the exemplary lives of leaders and administrators play a very important role. This, of course, includes the prayer habit of Principal Han, who goes to the prayer garden, 65-step stairs, twice a day, to pray to the Lord.

# KUC Sends 72 Missionaries Overseas in 2017



**Han SukHee**  
NSD Communication Director

According to the report on overseas missions by the Korean Union Conference (KUC) administration during the KUC Annual Council, the number of Korean ministers who have been sent abroad is 59. Among them, 43 were sent as Pioneer Mission Movement missionaries. There are also thirteen 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) missionaries so that the total number of overseas missionaries from KUC is 72. Twelve missionaries are working in Taiwan, and the others are working in the Philippines, South America, Europe, Middle East and many other places to spread the Three Angels' Messages to the ends of the earth.

"It is encouraging that many foreign countries are asking for the service of Korean ministers. If the Korean Adventist church strengthens its unique mission of world mission and supports foreign mission fields, it will hasten the second coming of Jesus through the participation of many more pastors in world mission work," said KUC administration.

Meanwhile, 124 missionaries from foreign countries are serving in Korea. All 74 1000MM missionaries and 49 Adventist Volunteer Service workers are working at SDA Education. Two PMM missionaries are serving in East Central and West Central Korean Conferences, respectively.

Moreover, the number of foreign people who attend international churches in Korea is about 460. The Ansan Multicultural Church has about 120 members, and Filipino Church has 95 members. Seventy-three members attend the Daerim Church, which is for Korean-Chinese and North Korean defectors. Thirty-eight members are registered at the Seoul Korean-Chinese Church and 18 members from North Korea are at the Hanbit Shelter Church. The Gasan Foreigner Church for Cambodians has 56 foreign members, and Onam Foreigner Church has about 30 Indian members. About 20 members continuously attend New Life Mongolian Church, and there are 15 members at Yongsan Japanese Church. As Korea is considered a land of opportunity, about 2,260,000 foreigners, which is 4.5% of the Korean population, stay in Korea. However, the ratio of Adventist members to total foreigner population is only 0.0002%. Thus, each conference and church should develop positive mission strategies for multicultural families and foreigners staying in Korea.



# Health Seminar in Taiwan

**Choi YoungIl**

NSD Health Ministries Director

Dr. Choi YoungIl, health ministry director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), led a health seminar in Taiwan from August 25 to 27, 2017, with the title of “We are a medical missionary.” A special seminar was held at Taichung Church, one of the biggest churches in Taiwan, and Sunghang Church, the Taiwan Adventist Hospital church.

Dr. Choi emphasized that it is very important to clearly understand the Adventist health message. Although our excellent health messages can play a crucial role from place to place as a tool for spreading the gospel, sometimes misunderstood health messages cause people to waver in their faith and put churches at risk. By learning principles of the Adventist health messages and Jesus’ treatment of diseases, seminar attendees can gain confidence in our health messages. The attendees also learned how to make use of our health messages as a tool for evangelism.

After lectures, there were discussions on various questions, particularly on vegetarian diet and modern medicine. Taiwan is one of the top vegetarian countries in the world because of the Taoist and Buddhist population. Thus, we strongly believe that our church’s health message will become a key channel for the evangelization of Taiwan.



# Medical Missionary Training in Fukuoka

**Choi YoungIl**

NSD Health Ministries Director

A medical missionary training was held from September 29 to October 1, 2017, in Fukuoka, Japan. Dr. Choi Youngil, health ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), served as the main speaker, and Park ChulWan, pastor at Fukuoka Adventist Church, helped as the interpreter.

Participants enjoyed a meaningful time with lectures and discussions on various topics, such as the Seventh-day Adventist Church’s health philosophy and health message, modern medicine, cause and cure of lifestyle diseases, ways of managing mental health, ways of strengthening immunity, Jesus and His healing ministry, purpose of medical mission, etc. A question and answer session was included with each lecture, and participants were very satisfied in finding answers to their questions. Particularly, there are many Japanese suffering from mental disease. Some of the participants were able to receive counsel and learn the principles of cure for the disease.

Medical missionary training programs will be held across Japan in the future. By introducing excellent Adventists health messages to Adventists all over Japan, it is anticipated that Japan church members will pursue healthy lifestyles, and it will lead them to spread the Gospel to many non-believers around them.



A three-day church planting seminar was held from November 28 to 30, 2017, at the Japan Union Conference office in Tachikawa, Japan. Dr. Gerson Santos, associate secretary of the General Conference (GC), led this seminar, and another GC associate secretary, Dr. Karen Potter, and her husband Michael served as lecturers. Other lecturers included Pastor Doug Venn, GC coordinator for Mission to the Cities; Dr. Ronald Kuhn, associate director of the Institute of World Mission; and Greg and Amy Whitsett, who are serving at the Center of East Asian Religions and Traditions, which is based in Bangkok. All of them have rich experiences in mission work and cross-cultural effort. As they conducted the seminar, they considered the cultural differences between Japan and western countries, and at the same time, tried to implement universal principles of mission to the Japanese field.

It can be said that in terms of mission work, people are of more importance than budget or method. What made this seminar unique is that it used a personal approach. At the stage of recruiting seminar participants, Dr. Santos mentioned that under 10 people is ideal and the limit should be 15. Twelve pastors and two conference

presidents and the union director of evangelism participated in the program.

Before the seminar began, every participant was required to complete an online evaluation on spiritual gifts as a church planter as well as other personality analysis. Most of the participants were surprised at how well the results of the evaluation reflected who they are. Everyone has strengths and weaknesses.

The participants were also encouraged to form a ministry team, and they had time to think about what kind of persons he or she needed for making an ideal church planting team. Participants were allowed to bring their spouse if desired, and the spouses also participated in evaluations and interviews from the instructors. This can be considered a very practical approach because church planting work would not be successful without the support of the family.

Dr. Santos clearly emphasized at the seminar that the establishment of the church does not mean growth of a congregation to have their own building and pastor. He said we shouldn't ask where the church is or what time church starts. We should ask where and what time the church will "meet." Actually, some churches meet at

# New Wave of Church Planting Projects Introduced to Japanese Pastors

**Yutaka Inada**  
NSD Executive Secretary





Dr. Gerson Santos, GC associate secretary, led the church planting seminar in Japan.

different places each week. The first century church had no property or building, but they grew most rapidly in all of Christian history. The Adventist Church also had nothing when they started.

Dr. Santos announced that a follow-up meeting will be planned to see the progress of participants' church planning work. We see the tremendous potential of this type of approach for church planting in Japan. May the Lord send us many more gospel workers to reach the perishing world with eternal hope.

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## West Japan Conference Camp Meeting

**Yutaka Inada**

NSD Executive Secretary

The West Japan Conference (WJC) held their own conference-wide camp meeting for the first time in 12 years. About 240 attendees gathered together at the Village of Happiness in Kobe, Japan, from September 15 to 17, 2017, and on Sabbath, the number of people in the congregation reached almost 400.

At the opening, Pastor Tsutomu Inada, WJC president, called the congregation to earnest prayer for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He said, "Without the Holy Spirit we are nothing, and our efforts are fruitless."

The WJC leaders intended for the camp meeting to be a preparation for "All Japan 2018 Maranatha," which will be the largest-scale evangelistic effort in Japan Adventist mission history. The congregation also asked the Holy Spirit to touch their hearts so that they are ready to reach many souls.

Pastor Yutaka Inada, executive secretary of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, served as the main speaker. His sermons focused on the Three Angels' Messages. This camp meeting provided great momentum to the WJC mission work and ignited a passion for God's commission in the people's hearts. During the camp meeting, two pastors were ordained.

Pastor Yutaka Inada, NSD executive secretary, served as the main speaker of the West Japan Conference camp meeting.



# First Golden Bell Quiz Bowl on Stewardship



**Angelina Pagarigan**  
MM Stewardship Ministries Director

On December 2, 2017, twenty-five out of thirty-three churches in the Mongolia Mission (MM) participated in the first Golden Bell Quiz Bowl, which was hosted by the MM Stewardship Department. A total of 101 members gathered together at the Ulaanbaatar (UB) Central Church for the event. The questions were taken from the book, *101 Questions and Answers about Tithes and Offerings*, written by Elder Kwon JohngHaeng, stewardship director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD).

At the beginning of the week there were only 40 young people who had registered to participate, but by Friday afternoon 89 were listed, and before the program, which began at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, a total of 101 had registered for the Bowl.

The program started with opening prayer by Pastor Nyansurem from the UB Central Church. The objectives of the program and the contest rules and regulations were shared by the MM stewardship director Angelina Pagarigan, who acted as the facilitator of the program. Church members were encouraged to promote faithful tithe returning and generous giving in their churches after diligently reading and studying the book. MM president Kim YoHan gave his opening remarks followed by a recorded message by Elder Kwon.

All questions were read twice, and the participants were given 20 seconds to answer each question. On the first few questions, the majority answered correctly, but after two hours there were eight contestants that remained who were getting all the answers correct at the same time.

The judges, who were composed of Elder Kim YoHan, MM executive secretary Pastor Bold Batsukh, and MM chief accountant Enkhmaa Arvimed, agreed to give a break to the first eight finalists, and give all who had been eliminated a second chance to join the second level questions. The four finalists of this round were allowed to compete with the first eight finalists. The twelve of them were close in competition until only six participants remained at the final level.

For more than five questions, the six finalists got all the answers correct, which forced Elder Kim to make a decision and announce that aside from the first three grand winners he would give three consolation prizes to the 4th, 5th and 6th place amounting to 210 USD, 125 USD, and



Participants of MM's first Golden Bell Quiz Bowl



Baptismal ceremony after the event



Winners of the Golden Bell Quiz Bowl

83 USD, respectively. The church members applauded in appreciation which made the participants more eager to compete.

The competition lasted for almost another two hours until there were four competitors left who were vying for the three major prizes, one gentleman competing with three ladies. Third place was won by Dash from Uvurkhangai Church. Two female finalists had a very close call for the grand prize until the last question was quickly answered, and the Golden Bell was rung. Bachimeg, who is a member of Darkhan Church and is on her way to give birth to twins, won the grand prize worth 2,000,000 MNT (830 USD) and the runner-up, Nandin Erdene from UB Central Church, was awarded 1,500,000 MNT.

All church members and church pastors stayed to witness the talents of

the young people from the different churches all around Mongolia. It was so inspiring to witness how these young people had studied the contents of the book and were able to answer most of the questions from the book word for word.

Attendees also had a chance to listen to a testimony by Jagana, who had translated the book. She admitted that she had been hesitant at the beginning to translate the book because she knew she had not been so faithful in returning her tithes but gladly accepted after careful thought. She confessed that she was so blessed through the experience of translating the book that she is now back to faithfully returning her tithes. Each time she returned her tithe, she received more blessings which convinced her more and more to be very consistent and honest in returning tithe to the Lord.

The highlight of the quiz bowl was the baptism of two young people who were among the participants in the Golden Bell competition. They accepted Jesus as their personal Savior. Pastor Darkanbaatar, MM assistant ministerial secretary, had the privilege of baptizing them after the awards ceremony.

We give all praises to the Lord for the first successful and fruitful Golden Bell Stewardship Quiz Bowl. MM church members look forward to the 2018 Stewardship Quiz Bowl, in which the questions will be based on the book *Counsels on Stewardship*. We are glad to see how this program will continue to improve the church reports on returning tithes and generous giving in the years ahead, tasting to see how the Lord is good! AMEN!

## HKMC Children Bring Bible to Life on Stage

On October 1, 2017, Hong Kong-Macao Conference (HKMC) organized a children's program at Bible Auditorium, an Adventist church located in the Kowloon District. Lovely children from nine local churches brought biblical stories to life on the stage. The program contained different elements, such as drama, songs and poems. The event was a success. The program covered several important stories from different times in the biblical account, impressing the audience with God's love throughout human history.

The children's program was initially scheduled to take place at the end of August but had to be postponed due to the threat of an approaching typhoon. It was not an easy task to organize the children during the preparation stage. The children live in different parts of Hong Kong. The rehearsals



were mainly in the summer when many children were traveling outside of Hong Kong. Despite all these challenges, the program was presented to the public successfully.

## Churches in Incheon Area Celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Mission Work



On September 25, 2017, the churches in Incheon, Korea, had a joint Sabbath worship to celebrate their 70th anniversary of mission work in the Incheon area. About 1,000 members gathered at Incheon Seogu Cultural Center commemorating the first gathering in Incheon in 1947. They gave glory and praise to God for blessing this area by establishing 24 churches.

The joint worship began with Sabbath School that paid a tribute to the pioneer spirit and devotion of Pastor Lee DeokPil, who

planted the first seed of Adventist faith in Incheon. An appreciation plaque was given to the children of Pastor Lee.

Dr. Kim SungIk, president of Sahmyook University, gave a special lecture on “Gospel and Church” during the Sabbath School lesson, and Pastor Lee SeungDong, president of West Central Korean Conference, prayed earnestly for revival in this area and for the Latter Rain of the Holy Spirit. “It is very rare to celebrate a missionary anniversary at the area-level. It shows us the unique cooperation, connection, and dedication of this area,” said Pastor Lee.

In the afternoon, Sahmyook University concert choir and orchestra gave a high-quality music performance. Attendees were touched by the heavenly music. “I was so impressed by the magnificent worship and music of the Adventist church,” said one visitor who was invited by a church member. The Sabbath was a festival mingled with joy, praise, and adoration to God of Ebenezer.

## Health Evangelistic Meeting at Ilsan Church

The Ilsan Adventist Church, which is located in the same region as the headquarters for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), invited Dr. Choi YoungII, NSD health ministries director, for a health evangelistic meeting from November 13 to 18, 2017. In order to invite people to the church, they offered free foot massage every afternoon. The foot massage session worked to prepare people’s hearts to accept the Adventist health message.

The Ilsan Church recently merged with the Ilsan International Church. For the unity of the church members, there is a need to share the same goals of saving souls and spiritual revival. Despite the cold weather, more than 100



people attended the meeting every night. There were more than 80 seekers and, among them, nine people decided to be baptized. In the middle of a world full of materialism and atheism, Ilsan Church seems to be using a smart strategy, the health message and related services, to save souls.



# Hong Kong Adventist College Theological Symposium

**Richard Sabuin**  
NSD Education Director

For the first time in the past 10 years, Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC) hosted a Theological Symposium, from November 29 to December 1, 2017, with the theme “How Readest Thou?: Biblical Interpretation and Missions.” With the support of his leadership team, president Dan Cheung was successful in organizing the symposium. All pastors from the Hong Kong-Macau Conference attended the meeting. In addition, no fewer than 50 pastors from the Unorganized Territory joined the symposium as well.

Working together with the education department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), the college invited Dr. Clinton Wahlen, associate director of the Biblical Research Institute of the General Conference, to be the main speaker. Dr. Wahlen gave three presentations: Hermeneutics and Seventh-day Adventist Pioneers, Impact of Culture on Biblical Hermeneutics, and The Clarity of Scripture and Interpretation.

Other presenters include Dr. Ron Clouzet, NSD ministerial association director; Dr. Richard Sabuin, NSD education director; Dr. Onn Liang, seminary dean of Chinese Adventist Seminary (CAS); Dr. Robert Folkenberg, Jr., president of the Chinese Union Mission



Dr. Clinton Wahlen with translation provided by Dr. Verna Wu

(CHUM); Dr. Daniel Jiao, CHUM executive secretary, and Dr. Daniel Chuah, CAS theology professor. They presented papers on biblical interpretation and its contribution to understanding and practicing mission for the growth of the church.

Most of the participants stayed on the HKAC campus during the symposium. This gave them opportunities to interact and share. HKAC plans to conduct another symposium next year, which will focus on Creation. Congratulations, HKAC!

# Korean Adventist Women's Association Holds Love Festival



Korean Adventist Women's Association (KAWA) and Sahmyook University Industry-Academic Cooperation Foundation held a "2017 Love Festival" at Sahmyook University square on September 25 and 26, 2017. This event was held in order to establish a healthy sex culture among undergraduates, to cultivate scientific and practical sexual knowledge, and to promote reproductive

health and birth. Under the theme of "Love," counseling, education, and various activities were offered at the booths.

At the "Triangle of Love" booth, participants learned about their type (intimacy, passion, or devotion) using a survey developed by Dr. Robert Sternberg. At the booth, they also measured the psychological state of a couple.

The "Method of Love" booth provided practical sexual education, including information about the menstrual cycle, childbearing age, use of contraceptive pill and device, and sexual disease prevention.

"Promise of Love" was a booth about breast cancer self-examination. Currently, Korea has one of the highest rates of cervical and breast cancer. What is worse is that the age of onset is getting younger. Instructors taught about fibroma, cancer diagnosis, and cervical cancer vaccine.

Graphic data on the seriousness of low birth and population estimate were displayed at the "Future of Love" booth. Participants thought of advantages of marriage, cause of low birth, and factors changing public perception regarding childbirth plan. They also agreed that it is a common goal for society to make and keep a happy family.

The "Gift of Love" booth introduced processed foods and food additives that cause hormone imbalance. They also offered simply natural foods and their recipes. As young people eat instant and fast food that contain a lot of chemical additives, many of them are suffering from hormone imbalance related diseases, such as menstrual irregularity and subfertility. The booth introduced visitors to natural personal care products and healthy food.

"We need a practical approach to healthy sex. The way to protect our health from contraception and sex diseases should be shared. Not only physical, but also psychological state is important," said Mrs. Lee YoungJa, KAWA president.

Participants expressed their satisfaction about this unusual but useful event. Small group or one-on-one counseling was very effective. It was also good for participants to learn necessary but unfamiliar sexual knowledge through various programs.

KAWA and Sahmyook University are planning to hold this program annually during a longer period and with an expanded budget. Moreover, KAWA will hold this festival at Sahmyook Health University soon.

# Sewing Machine Ministry Project of Mongolia Mission Ministerial Spouses Association

**Shin SunHwa**

Coordinator of MM Ministerial Spouses Association

The Ministerial Spouses Association of Mongolia Mission held a special ceremony on October 10, 2017, to distribute sewing machines to 29 pastoral homes. The sewing machines will be used to promote the Gospel through practical endeavors and will also be a blessing to the pastors and their families.

The Ministerial Spouses Association in Mongolia meets every Tuesday. The spouses take turns hosting the meeting in their homes, where they pray, fellowship, and brainstorm about ways to better serve others in their territory.

In order to make this sewing machine project a reality, the Ministerial Spouses Association held multiple bazaars and prayed diligently. God blessed their efforts and also provided generous sponsors from Korea and the United States to help fund the sewing machine kits, which included extra bobbins and supplies.

Please keep the Mongolia Mission Ministerial Spouses Association in your prayers as they continue to look for ways to be a blessing in their homes, church, and community.



# Hong Kong Adventist College Has Revival Meeting

**Kim NakHyung**  
NSD Youth Ministries Director



From November 15 to 17, 2017, the Hong Kong Adventist College invited Pastor Kim NakHyung, youth ministries director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), as a speaker of two revival meetings for students and faculty.

Pastor Kim delivered messages every morning under the theme of “Be the Light!” for the teachers and school personnel. He introduced some Adventist role models who gained victory by faith based on the Bible and the writings of Ellen G. White. It was emphasized that the light can be shone by their faithful acts, absolute trust in God, and dedication as Christians. Pastor Kim asked the faculty members to be lights, showing the way of the Christian life, especially to the majority of students who haven’t met Jesus yet.

Pastor Kim also gave two sermons at the special chapel and the Friday evening vespers to college students with the theme of “Who Am I?” and “Genuine Life or Imitation-like Life.” He brought up a topic on how to live the most rewarding and valuable life in this era, having their minds turn to Jesus Christ.

At HKAC, about 120 college students from 20 countries, including Korea, Japan, and the USA, pursue studies. The college president, chaplains, teachers, and missionaries from their sister schools in the USA put a lot of effort into campus mission.

# Sahmyook University Signs MOU with Surya Nusantara Adventist College, Indonesia



Sahmyook University and Surya Nusantara Adventist College (SNAC) contracted the MOU on October 17, 2017, while Dr. Kim SungIk, president of Sahmyook University, Dr. Lee KiKap

and Dr. Bong WonYoung, International Cultural Education Center director and assistant director of the university, respectively, Dr. Guntur Siboro and Mr. Antony Sihombing from SNAC, and Dr. Richard Sabuin, education director of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division were present.

They agreed on cooperation plans including lecture and research exchange, international academic seminar, joint summer school, Korean language course at SNAC, dual degree program, joint mission trip and collaborative research in Theology. “I hope there will be a vigorous interchange between the two colleges and that many Indonesian students can have the opportunity to study in Korea,” said Dr. Kim.

SNAC visitors were so impressed as they looked around the training facility of the Nursing department that they are going to try to apply the same concepts at their school.

# Sahmyook Welfare Foundation Holds 6th Hope Sharing Event

The Sahmyook Welfare Foundation in cooperation with Dongdaemun district office hosted a “Hope Sharing Event” on September 22, 2017, celebrating Chuseok, the Korean thanksgiving holidays. Rice, soy milk and other goods worth 66 thousand dollars were given to 1,350 low-income families. Twenty-two families who asked for special wishes received various vouchers for medical checkup, teeth calibration, dentures, house repair, language lecture, and tour.

This 6th annual event was arranged with the support of Sahmyook Medical Center, Sahmyook Foods, Sijosa (Korean Adventist Publishing House), SDA Education, Sahmyook Adventist Dental Hospital, Sahmyook Health University College, and local Adventist churches. Sahmyook Health University made an agreement with the Dongdaemun district office and provided supplies and cleaning services for families in the welfare dead zone. The college tried to do its role and fulfill its responsibility in the community as a higher education institution by offering wish vouchers.

“The Sahmyook Welfare Foundation is doing its best to share the love of Jesus. We also give thanks to Dongdaemun district for providing this opportunity,” said Pastor Kim SeokSu, president of East Central Korean Conference.



“I really appreciate Sahmyook Welfare Foundation for continuously sharing hope to low-income families for six years. During this time of Chuseok, this event was a big present to our residents like a full moon in the sky. In order to make a better Dongdaemun district, we will continue to be in partnership with the Sahmyook Welfare Foundation,” said Yoo DeokYeol, head officer of Dongdaemun district.

# Taiwan Conference Has Vegetarian Diet Week

**Ruth Yu**  
TWC Health Ministries Director

Many people in today's society are concerned about food safety and health issues and are searching for a better and safer diet and a healthy lifestyle. The Adventist Church already has those precious health principles. Adventist Church members are honored to have the "health passport." I am thankful to God for giving His people the light of health improvement principles. God-given happiness is true and complete.

It is undeniable that due to the pressures of our environment, the busy work and school life, and the temptation of appetite, many of us gradually ignore the God-designed lifestyle which brings happiness to all mankind. Even so, the message of health improvement remains clear. The Bible and the Spirit of Prophecy continue to urge us to review it again.

The health ministries department of Taiwan Conference held a vegetarian diet week from August 20 to 26, 2017, for employees of the conference office and the pastoral team of the Taichung Church in Taiwan. They were provided with a healthy vegetarian breakfast and lunch every day. A prayer walk every morning and a health lecture every noon were included in the daily agenda. Every participant received a journal for recording their daily activities.

The purpose of this week was to review a healthy lifestyle as well as healthy recipes. We praise the Lord that 20 local churches supported the idea and held the same event for their church members.

## Feedback from Participants

"Thank God for the blessings. In a short period of time, we learned to do a prayer walk, and we shared not only meals together but the joy of life. As the headquarters of God's mission work in Taiwan, we are the example for local churches. We thank Mrs. Yu for her wonderful plan and service. We will continue to promote health principles and practice them in our lives." – Noah Lai, TWC president

"Doing the same thing at the same time, eating the same meals, and reading the same book inspired us to be united as one and work



together for one purpose, which is to spread the gospel of God." – Mark Tseng, TWC executive secretary

"Our loving Father wants us to be healthy and happy; therefore, he gave us the light of healthy living and diet principles. This week, I learned two things: 1) Our choice of food reflects our worship to God, and 2) preparing meals for others can be a way of benefiting others." – Celeste Sha, TWC children's, family, and women's ministries director

"I usually eat out due to my busy work. During the vegetarian diet week, I experienced the delicious taste of the food God created. It doesn't require lots of seasonings and complicated cooking methods. I decided to continue following the principles and share the delicious food with my family." – Nina Lu, assistant to the TWC treasurer



# 2017 FIELD CONFERENCE ON FAITH AND SCIENCE



**German Lust**  
NSD Treasurer



The Geoscience Research Institute (a General Conference institution) organized the 2017 Field Conference on Faith and Science for Church administrators. The conference was held in the Western Alps (Italy, France and Switzerland) between June 26 and July 5, 2017. Dr. Jairyong Lee, who was then the president of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), and German Lust, NSD treasurer, attended the conference together with other world church leaders.

The purpose of the conference was to experience firsthand how the biblical worldview impacts our understanding of nature, learn about the strengths and limitations of historical sciences, acquire a firm grasp of the key concepts that are considered controversial in the faith and science debate, and leave with an energizing appreciation of how nature and Scripture testify of a powerful and good Creator. The conference gave attendees an opportunity to reflect upon God's power as revealed in His creation, by visiting some locations of geological interest. Also, each day, time for discussion and reflection was scheduled in the context of a rich program of lectures covering topics on origins that are of high relevance for the mission of the church. Participants discussed strategies on how to teach, share and lead as biblical creationists.

During the conference, several topics were addressed. One of them, fossils—a record of past life—was discussed on a visit to the Fossil Museum in Monte San Giorgio, Meride, Switzerland, which has well-preserved fossils,

including some marine reptiles. “Sediments and the rocks they form often include the remains of organisms, so fossils provide valuable information on the processes that led to death and fossilization of once living organisms,” said Dr. Ronald Nalin from the Geoscience Research Institute.

Deformation—a record of process—can be observed in the northwestern European Alps which have a history of intense deformation and transformation of rock units. The participants of the conference had the opportunity to see some of this evidence for both stretching and compression of rocks of the earth's crust. As Dr. Ronald Nalin shared, “Rocks can behave as rigid bodies and develop cracks and faults when placed under stress but can also plastically flow and bend, forming folds.”

Intelligent design was an important aspect among many of the presentations. “By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth ... For he spake, and it was done, He commanded, and it stood fast” (Psalm 33:6, 9). Conversations on how we communicate the truth about God as Creator of the universe and life led to an interesting dialogue among the participants on how to share relevant information on this issue, especially among young people, through different types of media.

Other topics covered during the field conference were the theological implications of models on origins; Time, Flood and the geologic column; intelligent design; and scientific revolutions.

In the presentations, the question about how to understand the differences between faith and science arose many times. “God has permitted a flood of light to be poured upon the world in both science and art; but when professedly scientific men treat upon these subjects from a merely human point of view, they will assuredly come to wrong conclusions ... Those who leave the word of God, and seek to account for His created works upon scientific principles, are drifting without chart or compass upon an unknown ocean. The greatest minds, if not guided by the word of God in their research, become bewildered in their attempts to trace the relations of science and revelation” (*Patriarchs and Prophets*, 113).

While we continue to believe in God as the Creator of the universe, we need to be honest in regard to questions that do not necessarily have appropriate answers. It is impossible for human beings to fully understand the creative power of God, and certainly there are many things that were not revealed to us. When we encounter something that as human beings we cannot understand, Deuteronomy 29:29 gives us the key: “The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children forever.”

Praise the Lord for so many wonderful things in nature that we can enjoy and that point to a Creator God!



Above: One of the seminars that the group attended  
Below: Attendees listen to an explanation from Dr. Ronald Nalin from the Geoscience Research Institute.

Conference attendees observe a special S-shaped folded rock





The 50th batch of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) missionaries started their English training on July 3, 2017. Seventy-six missionaries came from 6 continents and 12 different countries—Cambodia, China, Colombia, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mongolia, Spain, USA, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and Zambia. They left everything behind, even their homes, in order to serve one year for God. They made it through the different training activities, from English training to cottage meeting.

Although the 50th batch has accomplished their missionary training, this is just the beginning of their mission. After dedicating seven weeks of their time for the training, 76 missionaries celebrated

their commissioning program from September 22 to 23, 2017, with the theme of “Committed to Serve.”

After Pastor Song EulSeop’s sermon, the 50th batch missionaries slowly gathered in the middle and formed a cross, and Pastor Shin DongHee, 1000MM director, made the first move to light the candles. The missionaries lit up each of their candles while they sung their dedicatory hymn, “The Mission.” From afar, they seemed like warrior angels ready to fight in battle.

The most awaited part of the graduation was the commissioning program, in which they got to know their mission field and partner. Different emotions filled the atmosphere. It was obvious that they were excited as well as nervous for what the result would be. One by

one, names were called. Designated mission fields were mentioned. They hugged each other with tears of joy upon knowing their partner. They were all happy for they knew God had answered their prayers in accordance to His will.

The missionaries are ready to share the sweet name of Jesus and to share His gospel in the mission fields. They are ready to go tell the world about His love and to fulfill Jesus’ earthly mission, our great commission, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

## 50th Batch Commissioning Program: Be Ready to Go Out and Declare His Glory to the Nations





# A Hundred-Fold

**Kasamba Buumba**

1000MM 50th Batch from Zambia, Africa

“Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.”

Had I embraced the comfort of these words, I wouldn’t have cried as much. It was a Tuesday morning; the sunrays that usually got me smiling and hopeful did not seem so joyful this time. I slowly dragged myself to the dining room where my 9-year-old younger brother had turned everything upside down while trying to pack his school snack.

I stood on one end and watched him, the hands that always hurried to his aid were this time wrapped around my chest. Tears rolled down my cheeks as I sniffed gently trying not to get his attention.

It was the last day of my visit at my father’s house before leaving for a one-year mission trip to the Philippines. What tore me apart was not only the fact that I was going to miss them, but I was broken because from the age of 1 year and 8 months, I had stopped living with my parents and the longest time I had spent with them after that was three months.

I had planned to stay home for a year after completing my college education, but with time my plans changed because I learned to look for plans from a different source other than me; that was God! However, at this moment, I was beginning to think my own plans had made more sense, but it was too late to change my mind, so I left.

I got to the Philippines and started my missionary training. After a month went by, I sat down to reflect and realized that God had given me all I feared losing before I left. And as I read Mark 10:29, 30, my heart

joyfully resounded the words, “I am not alone.”

The female missionaries who ask if I am okay just because I have been silent for ten seconds, the ladies at the cafeteria who always ask me about my preferences, the senior





missionary sisters who continually whisper “God bless” whenever we meet, and Miss Dean, who always declares her love for us, even while crying due to our frustrating acts—these very ones are my sisters and mothers.

And the male missionaries who help me carry things around, staff members who come to my aid with a smile and of course the pastors who offer hugs and prayers for no reason at all—these very ones are my brothers and fathers.

The love of Christ binds together the members of His family, and wherever that love is made manifest, there the divine relationship is revealed. “Everyone that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God (1 John 4:7)” (DA, 638).

# The 16th PMM Dedication Service

The 16th Pioneer Mission Movement (PMM) dedication service was held on November 4, 2017, at Sahmyook Central Church in Korea during the 2017 Annual Council of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). Six pastors and their families have volunteered for six years in frontier missions for the purpose of church planting and soul saving.

Dr. Ella Simmons, General Conference vice president, encouraged the PMM pastors with God’s promise from Isaiah 42:6-9 that He will take their hands and make them to be a covenant for the people and a light for the field they will serve.

NSD president Kim SiYoung commended their sacrificial missionary spirit as he presented the plaque of missionary appointment.

These pastors will be assigned to five different countries: Cho Jangwon—Indonesia; Baek Joon—Taiwan; Cho JungKeun and Yang EuiShik—Mongolia; Ryu JaeKyung—other regions; Park JungHoon—Russia. There have been 115 PMM missionary families sent out since the first five missionary families were dispatched in the foreign mission fields in 2003. As of October 2017, 45 families are currently serving in 16 different countries as PMM missionaries.



Dr. Ella Simmons, GC vice president (left)



16th batch PMM missionaries



# HisHands Medical Missionary Completion Ceremony

**Choi YoungIl**

NSD Health Ministries Director

The second completion ceremony of the HisHands Medical Missionary was held on September 24, 2017, at the SDA Language Institute in Seoul, Korea. Since all of the 120 trainees who participated in training sessions every Sunday for 10 weeks finally completed their medical missionary training, HisHands Mission Movement and health ministry department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) jointly held a completion ceremony. Through this training, trainees could comprehend the importance of medical missionaries, and make up their minds to dedicate themselves for saving souls in cooperation with local churches.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD president at the time, attended the ceremony and said that he was deeply touched by the eagerness of trainees who had made a long journey to Seoul from such far places as Gwangju early every Sunday morning. In his words of encouragement, he emphasized that God will complete his work through the people who devote themselves for the sake of the Gospel.



The collaboration of missionary Joanna Kim's passion, volunteers' hard work, and diverse speakers' efforts had positive results. We sincerely hope that the trainees who successfully completed the medical missionary course will actively help the physically and mentally sick people in their local areas, and take the lead in saving souls through their mission work.

# Golden Angels 14's Last Mission Trip in Taiwan



**Kim EunSoo**  
Golden Angels 14

“**B**ut to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:7, 11-13).

Jesus, by God's will, has chosen every one of us to become workers for Christ's body, the church. He has given us heavenly gifts to share so that we all may grow mature in faith and in the knowledge of Christ. He has called us, the Golden Angels, to become singing evangelists for the sake of the gospel, and now, one full

year of this singing mission has come to an end.

From November 12 to December 17, 2017, our final mission as the Golden Angels was five weeks of five different evangelistic meetings held in five different places in Taiwan: Taitung, Beitun, Shalu, Douliu, and Pingzhen. At each church, we met many church members, seekers, and also those who came to church for the first time. We mingled with them and shared our experiences in Christ to encourage each one of them. By singing songs, by having conversations with them, and of course, by living our daily lives, we prayed and tried our best to reflect the characteristics of Christ. I sincerely pray that the seed of the gospel that we planted in them will grow in their heart to grow mature

in Christ, that they will all grow to become His workers of the gospel.

I want to mention an activity that we participated in at Shalu Church, called “The Mommy Club.” Shalu Church provided a place for moms who take care of their little children at home to come together and enjoy the program that the church has prepared. This activity was promoted mouth-to-mouth to the mothers at home, and many mothers in town brought their little children to church.

The Golden Angels, this time, didn't concentrate much on singing, but rather, we were basically babysitting for the whole week! To be honest, it was not easy; it was quite hectic and chaotic. But we observed that the mothers and their children were enjoying the program. And each



1 & 2. Baptismal ceremonies were held several times during the last five weeks of Golden Angels 14's ministry.

3. The members of Golden Angels not only preached the gospel by singing but shared the love of Jesus with local people by various activities including babysitting.



day as we continued the program, more moms, and even dads, came to Shalu Church to join the Mommy Club.

Soon enough, the church had become a place of social welfare! Shalu Church met the needs of the society. They connected themselves to the people outside and made relationships with them. The church was doing its service for the local people, and those who didn't even know about Jesus were coming to church. Moreover, the continuous work of the church bore fruit through these relationships: one soul received Jesus Christ as her personal Savior and got baptized on Sabbath morning. Now, she and her two children have become members of the Shalu Church.

As I observed these things happen in this church, I learned how important it is for the church to fill the needs of society in order for us to be examples as Christians. Every church should be a social welfare center! Church, the headquarters of evangelism, should focus not only on the inside, but should go out to society and serve them with the heart of Christ, for Jesus has called us to do so.

Jesus has given us gifts for the purpose of service. Let us now go out and reach out to the world with one spirit, one mission, make this world a better place, be united as Christ's body, and grow in fullness of Christ. For this mission, indeed, we need each other.

The five weeks of Taiwan mission is now over; in fact, our one year of Golden Angels ministry is done. I have to say that it has been a journey—a journey of experiencing God. I confess that it was not we who ministered and led the people to Christ, but God has done all things for us for the glory of His name. Hallelujah, praise His name! We give all glory and honor to God, who has used us as His instruments for His mission. This may be our last mission trip as Golden Angels, but we will continue to be missionaries wherever we are and wherever we go.



Now we hold the promise of Christ and His command: "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of age" (Matthew 28:19-20). Now we will go and continue to live a missionary life.



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